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COLONEL WHYTE

Writes an Interesting Communi-
cation on the Labor Question.

WHAT MISS HAWAII HAS TO SAY

Colonel Whyte Thinks Minister Da-
mon Should Visit Harvest Fields
of America instead of Italy.

Tacoma Wash., Sept. 18, 1899.

Mr. Editor: Since leaving the Is-
lands last June, I have watched with
the greatest interest the outcome of the
labor question, and to the American
on the Mainland, the action of the Ha-
waiian authorities in the matter is in-
comprehensible. They have practically
made Miss Hawaii say to her brothers
and sisters of the Union, "Tis true I
joined your family, but it was for what
there was in it. There's no sentiment
about me; I'm out for the dollars. If
you have any money to buy sugar
stocks or to risk in determining what
sections of my domain are best adapt-
ed for coffee, I will be glad to see you;
otherwise, I prefer Chinese, Japanese,
Italians, Portuguese, or most any old
thing." In an editorial of the Adver-
tiser, August 23, is the following:
"This community is substantially, so
far as the dominant class is concerned,
under self-government, and the Execu-
tive, in throwing open the doors to
Asiatic immigration really executes
the will of the people."

Now, Mr. Editor, I do not believe
that the above sentiments are just to
the people of Hawaii. From an eight
months' contact with the various
classes on the various Islands, I feel
thoroughly justified in saying that the
large majority of the citizens of Ha-
waii, native and foreign-born, are de-
cidedly in favor of English-speaking
Protestant laborers and settlers. The
sentiment exhibited by the action of
the authorities is that of a very few,
and, strange to relate, the very few
who have up to the present been most
benefited by the relationship with the
United States.

Suppose, instead of making a grand
tour to Italy for a people who have not
made good American citizens—on the
contrary, have made a record for law-
lessness and left a trail of blood from
Buffalo to New Orleans and from
New York to San Francisco and have
scarcely set foot on Hawaii before they
leave their characteristic, indelible
stain upon fair Moanalua—suppose
that instead of crossing two oceans
and two continents for this class Min-
ister Damon had visited the present
harvest fields of America, as I have.
He would know, as I do, that Hawaii
can get all the laborers she needs,
twice over, within the borders of the
land he now calls his own.

To be sure there are those who say
that the Anglo-Saxon cannot stand the
Hawaiian climate and do manual la-
bor, but there are those who say he
can. Generally speaking, the former
are theorists; the latter, practical men.
In a letter to me, dated Spreckelsville
March 31 last, W. J. Lowrie, former
manager of Ewa, wrote me as follows:
"As for white men standing the cli-
mate and doing the actual work, there
is not, in my mind, the slightest doubt
that they can do so. I can do it my-
self and would rather attempt it to-
day than go back to California and
work the hours and the class of work
I have done on a California ranch."

Mr. John M. Horner of the Island of
Hawaii, whom I found a hale, hearty
old gentleman, 78 years of age, wrote
me as follows: "I have lived twenty
years on these Islands. I have per-
formed hard physical labor, chiefly
farming in New Jersey, Illinois, Cal-
ifornia and Hawaii, and I find the cli-
mate here (Hawaii) compares favor-
ably with the best I have tried for la-
boring in. I have employed Ameri-
cans and Europeans here and in Cal-
ifornia as mechanics and farm labor-
ers, and I see no difference as to the
amount of labor they perform a day in
either place and remain equally health-
y."

I could quote similar passages from
a score of letters, some of the writers
now wielding the hoe and mattock. I
have quoted from Mr. Lowrie's and
Mr. Horner's letters because of their
long residence and prominent stand-
ing.

I will undertake to send to Hawaii
10,000 of the best of the English-
speaking race within two years at a
cost of less than one-twentieth of the
millions already spent in bringing in
people who never will be intelligent
citizens of the American republic.
Such labor may cost more to begin
with, but will cost less to end with;
and it might need a kindly welcome,
tact, judgment and business methods
to secure.

ALBERT WHYTE.

Cooke-Hell Wedding

OAKLAND, Sept. 23.—Miss Helen
Bell and William Gardner Cooke were
married on Wednesday evening at the
home of the bride's parents, 1389 Alice
street, Oakland. Miss Ethel Whitney
was maid-of-honor. Miss Grace Cooke,
Miss Martha Alexander, Miss Grace
Hampton and Miss Viva Nicholson the
bridesmaids. William Baldwin acted
as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke have
gone to Europe on their wedding trip.

H. HACKFELD ANNIVERSARY

TOOK A GUNBOAT

Insurgents Capture the United
States Tincled Urdaneta

WITH COMMANDER AND CREW

OLANGAPO REDUCED.

MANILA, Sept. 24, 11:15 a. m.
The United States cruiser
Charleston, the monitor Monte-
rey, the gunboat Concord and
the supply ship Zafiro this
morning attacked Olangapo, on
Bubig bay. The warships at-
tacked Olangapo, on
Bubig bay, twenty-five miles from
this city. Her commander, Naval
Cadet Welborn C. Wood, and her crew of
eight men were made prisoners and
taken by the Filipinos to Parnac.

MANILA, Sept. 25.—The United
States gunboat Urdaneta has been cap-
tured by the rebels and scuttled in the
Orani river, on the northwest side of
Manila bay, twenty-five miles from
this city. Her commander, Naval
Cadet Welborn C. Wood, and her crew of
eight men were made prisoners and
taken by the Filipinos to Parnac.

The Urdaneta, which belongs to the
class of vessels known as "tincleds,"
bombed Orani, a small town held
by the rebels. She kept up a lively
fire with her little guns and the rebels
retreated. Afterward the crew went
ashore to take possession of the place.
They were ambushed by the Filipinos,
surrounded and captured. The rebels
then beached the gunboat and set it on
fire. They first stripped her of her ar-
mament, consisting of a 1-pounder, a
Colt automatic and a Nordenfeldt 25-
millimeter gun. This, with the ammu-
nition, they carried off for use against
the Americans.

The United States gunboats, Petrel,
Callao and Basco, sent to search for
the Urdaneta, found her beached near
the town and riddled with bullets.
There was no trace of her crew.

Two Englishmen, who say that they
were wrecked in an open boat last
July and held as prisoners by the Fili-
pinos at Vigan, Northern Luzon, en-
tered the American lines today. They
brought word from General Pantalan
Garcia to the effect that the fourteen
American soldiers held prisoners by
the insurgents at Tarlac, will be re-
leased on Wednesday next in accord-
ance with a decree of the Filipino Con-
gress.

The Englishmen say the insurgents
claim they have 250 American prison-
ers. They saw only thirty themselves,
which is near the correct number.
They saw the wounded prisoners cap-
tured from the train which was
wrecked by the Filipinos on Friday.
The insurgents are having difficulty in
supplying the troops in the immediate
front of the American lines. The main
resistance to the American advance is
to be made at Tarlac. On the way to
the American lines the Englishmen
were taken on a wide detour away from
the insurgent front, and were thus un-
able to see the rebel defenses, which
are reputed to be strong. They say,
also, there are three other American
prisoners in the Filipino hands—a ser-
geant, a corporal of a California regi-
ment and a negro, who was willing to
accept a commission in Aguinaldo's
army. Lieutenant Gillmore and his
men, they declare, are still at Vigan.
They receive an allowance for main-
tenance of 20 cents a day each.

There are Japanese officers, they re-
ported, in the Filipino northern army.
Enthusiasm among the Filipinos, they
assert, runs high. The corps are good,
but the discipline and organization
weak. They greatly fear the Ameri-
can cavalry and will retreat to the
mountains when it advances. Long
stretch of railroad track have been
destroyed and the insurgents have de-
molished the bridge at Bantan, plac-
ing strong defenses before the river
crossing.

All the subordinate officers say that
there are not enough police in Manila,
but they dare not tell Otis, because
they know that anybody who asks
him for more men or more of any-
thing will get disliked. Surgeon Colo-
nel Woodhull, a few weeks ago, made
a report to Otis for transmission to
Washington that fifty additional sur-
geons and a lot of other help were
urgently needed.

THE MORGAN CITY.
Information reaches us, says the
Kobe Chronicle, that the divers, who
have been at work on the Morgan City
at Innoshima for some days past, have
succeeded in recovering the whole of
the mail, some 200 hundred bags in all,
which has been sent to Kobe for trans-
mission to Manila. The clothes of the
crew and a quantity of provisions have
also been saved. A thorough exami-
nation of the vessel has been made,
and the result wired to the owners and
underwriters, operations now being
suspended until instructions are re-
ceived. The examination discloses

the fact that there is a hole in the bow of the
vessel about twelve feet in extent, and
that it is probable three plates on
either side will have to be replaced.
The vessel apparently struck the rocks
quite high up, as the hole is about the
water line. When she struck, the im-
pact with which she went on the rocks
caused the collision bulk-head to give
way, and it was from this cause that
the vessel so quickly filled as soon as
she came off the rocks. She lies in a fairly
sheltered position, and there seems
good prospect of raising her without
very great difficulty should orders be
received to this effect.

Rifle Association.
The following is the result of the
Honolulu Rifle Association Shoot at
Kakaako on Saturday afternoon:

1st prize H. C. Ovenden, score 46;
2nd prize Q. H. Berrey, score 43; 3rd
prize Gus Rose, score 42; 4th prize
Theo. Hoffman, score 42; 5th prize C.
Mitchell, score 41.

LISTED IN SAN FRANCISCO.
Honolulu Stock to be Called in
Stock and Bond Exchange.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—An-
other Hawaiian sugar plantation com-
pany is to have its stock listed at the
Stock and Bond Exchange in this city
next week. This is the Honokaa,
whose capital is divided into 100,000
shares. The plantation adjoins that
of Paauhau on the island of Hawaii,
within the rain belt. The company
owns its land in fee simple. The crop
for the year just closed was 9150 tons,
and there is good prospect for a 12,000
ton crop next year, the grinding of
which began about the middle of Nov-
ember. Dividends commenced at 25c
per share monthly, have been increas-
ed to 35c per share, and the surplus is
sufficient to keep them at that rate
throughout the sugar year, while the
increased crop next year is expected to
yield a still larger surplus. The stock
will be put on the market at \$35 per
share. The by-laws of the company
have been amended to include a vice
president and an assistant treasurer,
with a transfer office at San Francisco.
It is presumed that Mr. Edward Pollitt
will be elected to fill the offices named.

Mr. Kentwell's Plans.
L. K. Kentwell, who for the past two
years has been connected with the
Spreckels Bank and has also been for
a considerable time manager of the
Chinese Times, leaves for the Coast to-
morrow by the Australia for an ex-
tended tour of the States and Europe,
for the purpose of gaining an insight
to the banking systems of the larger
cities. Upon his return, some twelve
or eighteen months from now, it is
probable Honolulu will see yet one
more bank operating in the city, con-
trolled by Chinese capital from Hong-
kong, San Francisco and locally. Mr.
Kentwell is a Punahou boy, graduat-
ing in 1897. A farewell luau to his
comrades was given at his residence,
School street, by Mr. Kentwell last
night.

St. Andrew's Fair.
The annual fair and luau of the St.
Andrew's Sewing Circle was, as might
have been expected, a great success.
The grounds and booths were thronged
both afternoon and evening, and a
large sum must have been netted for
a most worthy cause. Everything
passed off most satisfactorily and
those who were fortunate enough to be
present thoroughly enjoyed them-
selves.

Railroad Officers.
At a meeting of the Hawaiian Rail-
way Co. held on Saturday last at the
offices of the Bank of Hawaii Ltd., the
following officers were elected: Jas.
Renton, president; Robt. Hall, vice-
president; E. A. Fraser, treasurer; Dr.
B. D. Bond, secretary, and T. S. Kay,
auditor.

Goes to Washington.
A. F. Judd, Jr., and wife accompany
General Hartwell to Washington. Mr.
Judd will assist the General in the dis-
charge of his duties as unofficial
delegate. The General feeling the im-
portance of having an assistant select-
ed Mr. Judd, who is familiar with Is-
land matters.

THE DREYFUS CASE.
PARIS, Sept. 23.—The proclamation
of the Minister of War, General de
Gallifet, to the army, declaring the
Dreyfus incident closed, has excited
keen opposition among the Dreyfus-
ards, Radicals and Socialists. It is re-
minded that an attempt will be made to
oust the War Minister from the Cab-
inet. It is said he issued the procla-
mation without consulting his fellow-
Ministers. Some of the papers criti-
cizing him are in close touch with sev-
eral of the other Ministers, and Gen-
eral de Gallifet is credited with say-
ing:

"They want to get rid of me. I am
quite prepared to go. But I don't mean
to go alone. Either all of them dis-
appear with me or I stop where I am."

WANT TO FIGHT BOERS.
MELBOURNE, Sept. 24.—The Aus-
tralian military commanders will meet
here on Thursday next to prepare a
scheme for the dispatch of a United
Australian contingent to South Africa.

FAMOUS CHURCH BURNED.
LIMA, Peru, Sept. 21.—A great fire
this evening almost completely de-
stroyed the famous and beautiful
Church of San Francisco, founded by
Pizarro in 1535.